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Dear Cooperating Teacher:

The student teacher placed in your classroom will be participating in an exciting faculty-led study abroad program during the Spring 2012 semester. The program is called *Brazil Student Teaching Abroad* and is a College of Education sponsored program through North Carolina State University's Study Abroad Office. This letter contains important information about program details and logistics.

Students will be placed in a North Carolina classroom for the state minimum of ten weeks. You are a crucial part in this process, ensuring that the student successfully completes this portion of the program. Students who do not successfully student teach in North Carolina will not be permitted to travel to Brazil.

Brazil Student Teaching Abroad participants are required to participate in a course on NCSU's campus one evening per week leading up to the travel portion of the semester. Students will be enrolled in ED 590, "Special Problems in Teaching and Learning". This course will consist of three parts: Portuguese language instruction, studies of the Brazilian culture and education system, and pre-departure logistics.

Student teachers will be in Brazil from March 26 – May 4, 2012. We encourage students to return to your classroom upon completion of the program in Brazil to share what they learned and experienced in the schools abroad. The students will remain in Curitiba, Brazil for six weeks to complete a field study experience with NCSU's partner institution, The Federal University of Parana. NCSU faculty will remain in Brazil with the students for the first two weeks. We hope this program will benefit you and your students and facilitate international understanding between different cultures.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about *Brazil Student Teaching Abroad*! Thank you for your continued leadership and support of NC State student teachers!

Sincerely:



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